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Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg today announced that Eddy Packing Co., Inc., a meat processing company in Yoakum, Texas, has been convicted of water pollution violations and was sentenced to pay fines totaling \$1.5 million. The Travis County District Attorney's Office Environmental Protection Unit prosecuted the case.

Eddy Packing Co., Inc. was convicted of 15 misdemeanor unauthorized discharge violations relating to the operation of their meat processing facility.

The charges stemmed from a criminal investigation involving the discharge of meat processing wastewater that caused water pollution into Supplejack Creek in Lavaca County.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regulations prohibit unauthorized discharges by meat processing operations. These regulations are part of our state's efforts to protect human health and surface water.

The conviction is a culmination of the collaborative work of the Texas Environmental Task Force, comprised of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Environmental Crimes Unit, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Environmental Crimes Unit and the Travis County District Attorney's Office Environmental Protection Unit.

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